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SUBJECT:FULL TEXT OF OAU STATEMENT ON DAVIS NOMINATION

REFERENCE: NAIROBI 1629

1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF OAU STATEMENT ON
DAVIS NOMINATION.

2. BEGIN QUOTE:

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
UNITY, MEETING IN ITS 24TH REGULAR SESSION, IS AWARE THAT
THE NOMINATION OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
AFRICAN AFFAIRS IS A MATTER THAT FALLS EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN
THE JURISDICTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND
WISHES TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE
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INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL

AFFAIRS OF A MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HOWEVER, IN THE INTEREST OF AFRO-AMERICAN COOPERATION AND OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO CONTINENTS, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONSIDERS IT ITS DUTY TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT, IN VIEW OF MR. DAVIS' WELL-KNOWN PAST, MOST ESPECIALLY HIS IMPLICATION IN "THE POLICY OF SUBVERSION" IN

LATIN AMERICA, THE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ARE ENTITLED TO WONDER WHAT THAT NOMINATION PORTENDS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AMERICAN POLICY.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS NOTED WITH CONCERN THE NOMINATION BY PRESIDENT FORD OF MR. NATHANIEL DAVIS, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA AND CHILE, AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, REPLACING MR. DONALD EASUM WHO HELD THAT POSITION ONLY NINE MONTHS.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DESIRES TO REITERATE ITS UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE POLICY OF WIPING OUT THE VESTIGES OF OPPRESSION AND COLONIALIST DOMINATION AND RACISM IN AFRICA, AND WILL THEREFORE STRONGLY CONDEMN AND OPPOSE ANY EFFORT, BY ANY COUNTRY WHATEVER, AIMED AT IMPORTING INTO AFRICA THE ODIOUS PRACTICE OF "POLITICAL SUBVERSION" WHICH HAS BEEN SO HARMFUL TO OUR LATIN AMERICAN FRIENDS AND WHICH RECENTLY REACHED ITS CULMINATION IN THE OVERTHROW AND ASSASSINATION OF SALVADOR ALLENDE, THE PROGRESSIVE PRESIDENT OF CHILE. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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